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REACHING FOR IT - While steadying itself on the pole this squirrel reaches out trying to secure some food. With snow and ice covering the ground, the squirrel was doing whatever it took to find something to eat on Wednesday, March 5 at this bird feeder located at Haws Memorial Nursing Home in Fulton. Winter brings competition for food and squirrels look to communal stores of mast - nuts, fruits and acorns - for calories and fat to see them through the winter. Squirrels can also eat bugs, bird eggs, soil, mushrooms and animal bones.

## **Engineer rules City Hall safe**

Hickman city officials, and employees at City Hall, were issued good news this week, following a scare at the Seventh Street location.

On the Sunday afternoon and night of March 2, Hickman was blanketed with over five inches of sleet, freezing rain and snow from a winter storm that affected several surrounding states.

Two days later, employees at City Hall started noticing structural changes in their working areas, and in most every room of the building.

City Manager Johnny McTurner began to contact City Commission members, requesting them to observe the building issues, that included dropped ceilings, separated ceiling panels and

insulation falling to the floor.

Following conversations with Commission members, McTurner had all office employees evacuate the building in fear of a possible collapsing roof.

City Clerk Donna Haney contacted Chad Elks, of Searcy Contractors of Union City, Tenn., who in turn was able to secure the services of Jeremy Scallion, of Scallion Engineering of Jackson, Tenn.

The two men arrived in Hickman last Wednesday and conducted a thorough inspection of several different offices within the government building, while business at the location was halted for

Following a look into the attic areas,

Scallion acknowledged the building will need repairs, for what he called "cosmetic issues", but deemed the office areas safe for daily work to con-

Scallion and Elks met with Mc-Turner and Haney, along with Mayor David Lattus and Commissioners Charles Choate and Roger Adams, and informed the group that the City Hall roof had actually performed as designed under the weight and stress of

the frozen precipitation. Speaking with *The Courier* about the issue, Scallion said the structural integrity of the building was not in ques-

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LOBBY DAMAGE - Hickman City Manager Johnny McTurner points to one of the damaged areas of City Hall, caused by heavy ice and snow on the roof structure. The government building was evacuated for safety purposes last week, after the ceiling dropped in some places by four inches, causing cracked sheet rock and separated ceiling tiles.



ICE AND SNOW TAKE DOWN AWNING AT POCKETS - A Kentucky man was injured on Wednesday, March 5 when part of the awning at Pockets in Union City, Tenn. collapsed from the weight of the ice and snow that fell on Sunday, March 2 and Monday, March 3. Many structures couldn't bear the weight, including Mike Sheehan's barn on Noonan Lane in Fulton County, an awning at The Gas Station in Hickman, Gary and Carla McClure's porch roof also in Hickman, a metal structure at Woodland Mills, Tenn. off of Union City Highway, the roof at Dollar General in Mayfield, Ky., and many more.

## **Public Works handles** winter weather event well

Charlotte Smith **Editor** 

With 30 miles of city streets to clear, Hickman Public Works Director Mike Hartigan and his crew spent approximately 40 hours plowing the streets following last week's winter weather event. Not having any salt, the only option was to put down brine before the event started on Sunday, March 2, and then plow the streets once the ice, sleet

"They used one plow and two tractors with box blades to plow the streets," stated Hickman City Manager Johnny McTurner. "By Thursday they had worked their way to Steve Fields Drive."

and snow quit falling.

During the Monday night Commission meeting the Commission, along

"We understand that it was tough," said Mayor Lattus. "We didn't get any negative comments."

Some agreed that Hickman had some of the best cleared streets in the area following the latest winter weather

Hartigan also reported repairing four major gas leaks, including one at the school, and nine water leaks. Hartigan attributed the leaks to the thaw following the freeze. "After it was frozen and it thawed out it was pulling lines out of the couplings," explained Hartigan.

"We have made leaps and bounds on our gas situation," added Mayor Lattus. "Mike and his crew has been working on all the leaks and this will cut down on our losses."

Hickman Volunteer Fire Chief Tom-

## Three seek position of District Four Constable

In May there will be three Constable districts up for grabs. Two of the districts, the second and third, have candidates who are running unopposed. Those candidates include Douglas Bradley in the second and Bobby J. Johnson in the third, both are incumbents.

Three candidates are seeking the position of Constable in the Fourth District, they include incumbent Mark Mayo, Steve Loftin, and J. Phillip Uzzle, Jr.

Mayo, 48, was born and raised in Fulton County, graduating from Fulton County High School. He also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Occu-

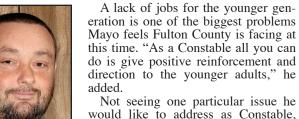
pational Safety and Health Engineering from Murray State University. He and his wife, have Tammy, one son, Jake. Mayo is the owner of JEM Rental Proper-

feel my education and

ties.

previous law enforcement experience helps qualify me for the position of Constable," stated Mayo.

**Mark Mayo** 



would like to address as Constable, Mayo did note that he "would like to keep assisting other agencies and will try to make sure everyone is treated fairly."

"I feel honesty is the biggest personal trait for a successful county official,"

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#### with Mayor David Lattus, praised Hartigan and his crew for their efforts. See CITY, page 7

Charlotte Smith

**Editor** 

"We have been busy this year," stated Port Director Greg Curlin. "The year before was dismal and that makes this year seem even busier." Curlin predicts the upcoming year, July 2014 to June 2015, to be normal.

During this current fiscal year the Port has handled approximately 250 barges and normally, in a typical year they handle between 200 and 225 barg-

One of the ways that business could increase even more at the Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority would be to upgrade crane capabilities. "We need a new crane," stated Curlin. "It would help us be prepared when and if container on barge shipping makes its way here." Currently the Port is operat-

Port needs an updated crane ing with a 1972 American 9720 cable or friction-type crane. "We utilize the crane to unload barges of grain, fertilizer, wire and coal products," explained

> We are looking at various options which include purchasing a new cable crane or material handler or possibly a refurbished crane he said. It would be ideal if the Port could purchase a crane large enough to handle individual con-

> "Ideally it would be nice if we had the ability to do both, such as a material handler for bucket work and a big crane for heavy lifts," he noted. Estimated costs of a new crane are between \$2 million and \$4 million and a smaller material handler typically runs about

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## OBITUARIES

**James Bridgewater** Paula J. McClure Susan K. "Sue" (King) **Evans** 

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### RIVER STAGE **FORECASTS** OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.

Wednesday, March 12 – 28.3 Thursday, March 13 - 27.1Friday, March 14 – 26.0 Saturday, March 15 – 25.4 Sunday, March 16 – 25.3

Saturday League Basketball starts at 9 a.m.



FUN WHILE IT LASTED - Having fun in the snow while it lasted last week was Bro. Mark Lambert operating the four wheeler. Riding on the four wheeler with Bro. Lambert were Lilly Lambert and Lena Morris. They were pulling Gracie Lambert, with neighborhood dog Abby running beside them.

#### THE HICKMAN COURIER

THE VOICE OF HICKMAN AND FULTON COUNTY

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### Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago June 22, 1989

Obituaries: Ruby Hutchison, 72; Marie Scearce Brackeen, 81; Hazel L. Andrews, 65; Lucy Garrigus, 73; and Ira Roberson,

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Everett of Hickman will be renewing wedding vows during their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 8.

Pictured: Members of the Hickman Volunteer Fire Department during 1958. Most of the men also served on the Hickman Rescue Squad. The picture was taken in August of 1958 and the members include: front row (1 to r) Curley Argo, Gene Henderson, Billy Lloyd Wilkerson, Earl Tibbs; back row (1 to r) Cecil Williams, Joe Cole, Henry Cooley, Joe Myatt, and Ernest Choate.

Pictured: Fulton County 4-Hers were a part of a 4-H Lamb Show Clinic recently held at the Rick Elliott Farm. Youth learned skills in grooming, caring for and showing lambs. Pictured are Fulton County 4-Hers attending the clinic: Chris Elliott, Jessica Pruett and Leah Prince, along with instructors B.B. Wright and Jeanie Rudolph. Also attending were youth from Graves County: Scarlet Rudolph, Lukas Rudolph, Tara Rudolph, Jessica Coleman, Rachel Coleman, Clint Moon and Sarah Wright. This is the first year for the 4-H Lamb Club in Fulton County.

The Hickman Police investigated a theft at Indian Hills Village on Tuesday, June 13. Officer Bernie Payne answered a call to Apartment 8, Indian Hills Village. Upon arrival he was told that a stereo and speakers valued at \$500 had taken from a truck belonging to Leonard Lowery.

#### 50 Years Ago **September 17, 1964**

Several were in attendance at the Southern Bell open house at Cayce.

Mrs. Thomas E. Standridge fell and sprained her ankle at the home of her parents, Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Neely Sunday afternoon.

A.W. Green, Riverview principal announced his resignation this week. Green who has been in the Hickman school system the past 35 years is retiring and he and his wife expect to make their home in and around San Diego, Calif., where Mrs. Green's only sister lives.

Fulton and South Fulton aren't the only cities boasting bananas these days. Hickman not only has a banana – it has a growing banana tree! The tree is in Bro. Estel Triplett's front yard on Magnolia Street and has a bunch of growing bananas. The Triplett's banana tree has been responsible for lots and lots of curious tourists lately.

## 75 Years Ago September 22, 1939

Dr. James H. Wells has purchased the frame bungalow east of the A.O. Caruthers' home, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Pinkston and he and Mrs. Wells will move into their new home about October 1.

Along shady Valliant Street in Greenville, Miss. a crew of road workers rolled a huge, eightfoot wide bolt of cotton fabric, white and coarse, and seemingly more suitable for curtains or dresses than for this strange use. Housewives on Valliant Street rubbed their eyes incredulously. They came out on the sidewalk, talking to each other and to the engineer who was putting down the first cotton-membrane streets on a large scale in the United States. Greenville was inaugurating this summer's day a road paving program which would result in the hard surfacing of 55 blocks of city streets with a cotton membrane filler between layers of asphalt. The work was being undertaken experimentally, on a large scale, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, which was supplying the fabric.

#### 125 Years Ago **September 29, 1889**

The courthouse square is being much improved by the new fence and pavements.

There has been talk of extending the fire limit in Hickman. The limit already established has secured a vast improvement in the class of business houses and why not a further extension have a like result?

Some farmers of this county are getting in red hot earnest about an improved county road system. They think our county is out growing the old system. If they keep on talking this way, the office-seekers will soon join the majority and something will be done.

Robinson's Free Floating Palace Show is on its way down the river and will visit Hickman October 5.

## **Deed Transfers**

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Wednesday, March 5 - Thursday, March 6:

James A. Whipple, Sr., Mildred G. Whipple and James A. Whipple, Jr. Scholarship Fund, by and through The Citizens Bank of Hickman, Ky. to Joe Thomas Goalder Trust, by and through The Citizens Bank of Hickman as Trustee under the Will of Mildred G. Whipple of Hickman; Justin Goalder O'Connor Trust, by and through The Citizens Bank of Hickman,

as Trustee under the Will of Mildred G. Whipple of Hickman; and Jennifer Goalder Trust, by and through The Citizens Bank of Hickman as Trustee under the Will of Mildred G. Whipple of Hickman, property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$87,921.49, March 5.

Waudell T. Yarbro and lorence T. Yarbro of Florence Yarbro Collierville, Tenn. to Waudell T. Yarbro and Florence T. Yarbro, Co-Trustees of the Flo and Drag Yarbro Living Trust, property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$200,000.00, March 6.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Habitat for Humanity spaghetti supper and bake sale in Hickman was a great success this year. We raised \$2,200 for this worthy cause as work is about to begin on the Fulton-Hickman Counties Affiliate's next house, to be located at 809 Maiden Street in Fulton.

Once again, the Hickman community rallied to publicize, organize, host and support the annual event. Bakers brought

not only the desserts served, but also delectable items of all varieties to sell at the bake sale. An evening of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

You are all greatly appreciated, Carol Major and the HFH Board

Our email address is hickmancourier@bellsouth.net



JOINT MEETING ABOUT TOURISM - Meeting together to discuss expanding tourism in the region include (I to r) Seth Wheat, Adventure Tourism Assistance, Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, Office of Adventure Tourism; Norma Pruitt, Executive Director, KY Great River Region Organization, Inc., Greg Pruitt, Hickman County Judge/Executive; and Greg Terry, Carlisle County Judge/Executive.

## Trail towns outdoor adventure looks to expand tourism in the region

Seth Wheat from Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet and Norma Pruitt with the Kentucky Great River Region Organization met with local county judge/executives focusing on expanding adventure tourism and creating Trail Town designation for communities in the KY Great River Road Region along the Mississippi River Trails of KY.

Wheat said, "The Kentucky Trail Town Program is designed to help connect communities to trail systems and develop locations as tourist destinations.' He said, "Recreational trails and rivers can boost a community's tourism traffic." The Office of Adventure Tourism is helping communities take advantage of an economic opportunity brought by the attraction of trails, helping transform towns into a more inviting visit, as well as a better place for residents to live, work and play.

It was noted, that the most important part of the Trail Town program in each community is deciding its approach tying into a trail system and other services that trail users may

Honoring a Life Lost Too

This week in a committee

Soon

meeting of the Veterans,

Military and Public Protection

Committee, I testified for a bill

to change the title of a statute

addressing campus safety

standards to honor the life of

Michael Minger by naming it

the Michael Minger Life Safety

Act. Minger was a student at

Murray State University when he

tragically died in an arson fire in

1998. Michael Minger's family,

specifically his mother Gail,

continues to work diligently to

address fire safety standards and

other protection methods for

all students attending our state

floor of the Senate on Thursday

and shared her story with the

chamber. It is an inspiration to

see how this family has worked

throughout our state to address

these important issues, setting

up a foundation in Michael's

name, and advocating for fire

safety on all college campuses.

floor of the Senate centered on

cleaning up statutory language,

fixing some areas of recent laws,

and restricting youth access to

Like last week, the work on the

I welcomed Mrs. Minger to the

colleges and universities.

need. Carlisle County Judge/ Executive Greg Terry explained "The four river counties are working jointly, connecting resources and sharing ideas while at the same time advising our existing businesses." Terry stated, "In addition there are a number of new events being planned and several new businesses have started through social media programs like Facebook and they are attending events as vendors.'

There are many types of trails, whether hiking, biking, allterrain, horses or a driving quilt trail. Trail users can venture to explore the unique scenery, shoppes, and local heritage that each Trail Town may offer. It is a safe place where both residents of the town and trail users and visitors can find the goods and services they need, inviting opportunities for new entrepreneurial business development.

Ballard County Executive Vicki Viniard, says she "welcomes assistance from the Office of Adventure Tourism in providing guidance on tourism issues such as trail development

e-cigarettes. Wednesday was a

date of historical significance.

During the brisk morning, many

lawmakers joined thousands

of Kentuckians gathered along

Capitol Avenue to commemorate

the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s March

on Frankfort. It was a cold and

blustery March 5, 1964, when

Dr. King led 10,000 others in

a march up to the front door of

our Capitol in support of the

Addressing access to nicotine

products by our youth, Senate

Bill 109 passed the Senate.

This would prohibit the sale

to minors. E-cigarettes are

sometimes marketed as a

safer alternative to traditional

cigarettes because they are

smokeless. But they still emit

a vaporized form of nicotine to

users that is reportedly addictive

A measure that would help the

real estate industry, Senate Bill

36, reduces the time period for

the right of redemption of real

property from one year to six

months. After researching the

issue, no cases of redemption

after six months could be found.

This legislation helps purchasers

cigarettes"

Kentucky Civil Rights Act.

"electronic

and unsafe for youth.

of

SENATOR STAN HUMPHRIES

(R-Cadiz)

Representing the 1st District

including representing Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg counties

other communities that have been successful by linking trails and services."

websites, visitor's materials," he continued.

improve by adding more jobs and creating business opportunities to meet travelers.

rehabilitate and

Senate Wednesday.

weapon"

properties rather than leaving

them empty and vulnerable to

crime, vandalism, and other

misuse that not only hurts the

value of the property, but those

in its vicinity. SB 36 passed the

A few bills regarding the

(CCDW) license

"conceal and carry a deadly

process also received passage

this week. Senate Bill 100 speeds

up CCDW licensing by a simple

measure; allowing electronic

applications for licensure and

license renewal. This will take

advantage of modern technology

and make the licensing process

more efficient. The convenience

of the electronic application will

cost the applicant an additional

\$10, but if the applicant does

not want to pay that, the paper

application will remain available

of those under threat of violence,

Senate Bill 106 would permit a

person protected by an EPO or

DVO to be issued a temporary

CCDW for the period of the

protective order. A background

check by the State Police will

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To address personal protection

at the current cost.

sell these

and signage, information, resources and networking with

"There's a huge advantage coming to communities along the Mississippi River once a community receives the Trail Town certification", Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt said. "The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the Department of Travel and Tourism and Office of Adventure Tourism will help promote and market our communities and services on the state's maps, and other state promotional

Norma Pruitt, an advocate for the KY Great River Road Region, said the "Trail Town designations connect communities for travelers and guide visitors to trails, food, lodging, campgrounds, museums, entertainment and other services." The designation may help our communities

## Dear Dave,

—Dave

What do you think about land as an investment?

Dear Tara,

you differently.

Dave

Says

by Dave Ramsey

My in-laws have lots of debt.

In fact, they're always joking that the debt they'll leave us is

more than the inheritance. How

will this affect my wife and

family if they die with all their

You do not inherit debt. Either

your in-laws are misinformed, or it's just a bad joke on their

part. Now, if you were foolish enough to co-sign on a loan with

them, then you'd be liable for

the remainder of that loan. But

if they ran up \$100,000 in credit

card debt on their own before they died, then the credit card companies just don't get paid.

It wouldn't cost you a dime, except that you might get no

inheritance from them, because

what they left behind would be

sold to pay off as many creditors as possible.

example. Let's say they owned

a home, and they're behind on

the mortgage or upside down on

the house-meaning that they

owed more on it than it's worth.

You can just hand it back to the

mortgage company. You're not

legally or morally obligated

to accept the house and the

situation surrounding it because

it was left to you in a will. Just

because it's family doesn't make

You don't inherit debt. Don't let

creditors, or anyone else, tell

Let me say it again, Matthew.

it jump over onto your plate!

Here's an even bigger

Dear Dave,

debt still in place?

Dear Matthew,

I'm okay with the idea of raw land as an investment. Someone has to buy the dirt that holds the earth together, right?

The only problem with this kind of investment is that it doesn't really create cash flow, unless it's farmland. In the real estate world, we call raw land an alligator because it eats. You have to pay taxes on it every year, plus you have upkeep and maintenance of some form or fashion, and it doesn't create an income. The only time it creates income is on the back end, when you sell the land.

It's not a terrible investment, Tara. But it's not a great one, either. I buy pieces of raw land here and there, every once in a while. But mainly I stick with income-producing investment properties.

Dear Dave,

I recently traded in my old truck for a much newer one. I purchased an extended warranty at the time, and now I feel like I was pressured into buying it and that it was a mistake. What do you think?

Dear Laura, Cancel it, if you still can. The reason you felt pressured is

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#### Is modern technology good or bad for senior citizens?

The question of whether modern technology is good or bad keeps popping up on various

This question can only be answered effectively by completely understanding what modern technology really is.

Modern technology is anything that has been invented in recent years, for example the iPad by Apple, touch screen, cell phones, and flat screen tele-

Why is modern technology bad? - It makes seniors more of a target from being scammed and it can make them feel that their privacy is being compromised by using modern technology like tablets or touch screen

Why is modern technology **good?** – Most seniors have cell phones in order to keep in touch with their families and know how to use them pretty easily. A lot of seniors also have flat screen televisions computers, and DVD players.

While interviewing several senior citizens on the subject of modern technology, a discussion took place how things have changed over the past 50 to 75 years in modern technology. Some of the seniors mentioned that there is too much personal information floating around on the Internet and the Internet should be used more wisely. "Seniors need to think about what information they put on the Internet on sites such as Facebook, with regard to their personal information," stated Julia Davis.

Lana Edwards talked about the good things that came from modern technology. It is helpful in keeping up to date on the news," she said.

"A lot things have changed that are too high and cost too much in modern technology and how different the younger generation has got all of these gadgets by using them to text, getting on the computers and having cell phones, stated Shirley Shaw. Shaw remembers when she was a little girl and all she had was a radio to listen to music they also learned about the news from what they heard on the radio.

"Long ago they did not use computers in banks they did everything by hand," said Betty

"Growing up we didn't have pipes that ran all the way to the house. They had to pump the water into buckets to carry the water to the house and had to put the water in the washing tub to take a bath, but back then we also didn't have indoor bathrooms they were called outhouses," mentioned Ellie Forrester

Weekly activities at the Senior Center include Monday, March 17: 10:30, Exercise, Vonceil

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Murray State University

hosted 25 potential Kentucky

Future Farmers of America

(FFA) State and Regional

officers last week during the

This course takes the officers

through personal interviews,

scenarios, current issues and a quiz to assist them in

understanding what they may

expect when they run for

an office. This prep course,

hosted by Collegiate FFA,

has traditionally resulted in a

majority of the students who

attend being elected to state or

On Monday and Tuesday,

March 10-11, Murray State

will host the FFA chapters from

the Purchase and Pennyrile

FFA Regions — there are 10

in each region. FFA members

will compete in approximately

15 impromptu speech areas,

regional office.

state officer prep course.

**Murray State hosts FFA events** 



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - On March 10, 1916 ninety-eight years ago Thelma Estelle Cavashere, pictured with her son Jeff Shell when he was three, was born into the lineage of a French Canadian that came into the United States through the state of New York, picking a rose along the way. Alexander Cavashere married Maria (Mary) Herkimer, a descendant of General Herkimer, a hero of the Revolution. They settled in Toledo, Ohio and raised Shell's great-grandfather Albert Cavashere. Claude Cavashere was Shell's grandfather. He moved into Kentucky and married Shell's grandmother Effie Scott and they together, in their loving bond, brought Shell's mother into this world...a strong woman of kind heart and sharp mind. Thelma Cavashere forged her permission slip to marry Shell's father when she was but 14 years. The photo was taken in Brownsville. The house has since been taken down and the hill was graded down.



We had a few cars fall off in a hole here in town and it's made for quite the news story. Living in Bowling Green, I suppose the Vette theme is pretty prevalent, but not like Hersey, Pennsylvania. The Corvette world has an exit off Interstate 65 where the assembly plant is located across the street from the now famed (even more) museum. But other than that, one could live life in the town and never fully know or appreciate what is going on over there. Vettes get born here. And apparently now they die here. Well, at least eight did. Now, they're being resurrected from the grave to much media coverage. I left Fulton County to live in Bowling Green entering freshman year at WKU fifteen years ago. That year was my first visit to the museum, and was followed by another visit in 2001. Dale Earnhardt Jr. came to town and I interviewed him for a radio show I did at the time. After that, I doubt I visited the cars any further. They sat, polished weekly (maybe daily), viewed by those folk who revel in all things Vette, Chevy, or simply Car. I came back a couple of years ago and looked again. Still there. Silent wonders once revved and raced, never wrecked. Mint. Perfect. My sister gave me a membership to the museum and I got a little lapel pin to put on my suit if I ever chose to wear one. I didn't, and didn't even go to the place the very year I was a member! Then Map Dot got started and I offered road trip advice to the

recitation, senior and junior

parliamentary procedure, record

In most events, the top

two finishers advance to the

state competition held at the

Kentucky State FFA Convention

in Lexington this coming June.

All regional events will be held

Murray State agricultural

education students, as well as other agricultural students,

will serve as facilitators, room

monitors and timekeepers to

provide a service learning

approach, in support of MSU's

Quality Enhancement Plan

(QEP), which prepares students

to be effective agricultural

teachers and FFA supporters in

For more information on the

FFA state officer prep course

or FFA regional speaking days,

contact Kimberly Bellah at

in the Curris Center.

the future.

keeping, FFA quiz and talent.

staff to give to Vette enthusiasts. In exchange for Kentucky travel advice, they let me sit behind a baby new Stingray for pictures. Then a '53 for a picture. We passed the dome without posing beside any of the cars there. I was at the museum the week before the tragedy. I had eaten at the Café on site and taken a picture of what would turn out to be Dave Ramsey's (no relation...I wish) little red Corvette. Left, and went on my way, again, without a nod towards the cars in the dome. February 12. I woke up, logged on, and saw the news. The local media had it first, then the state. Suddenly the world stage attended to eight Corvettes that had found their way into the cave system that permeates central Kentucky. At that point, the mystical power that the Vette holds was in full

throttle. Tears shed nationwide. Prayers for the cars. The obvious thanks that there were no workers or schoolchildren on tour given the early hour that it happened. General Shock, General Motors. I watched the news like you did. And Bowling Green continued its daily grind despite cars in the ground, though it has been the conversation piece, no doubt. I visited the museum again this week, as five of the eight had been plucked. One drivable, the others hurt, a pace car reduced to a tin can. The three left to dig possibly the worst. I got teary eyed for a moment over fiberglass. Especially the '63. But more regretful I hadn't paid more attention before they left. Perhaps a comparable lesson for living, breathing, loved ones as well.

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She submitted an application and took part in an interview session conducted by this Memphis Pageant Coordinator.

Roenicke will compete for her share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts to be distributed to contestants, and will be competing in the Miss Pre-Teen division, one of four divisions for ages 7 and 19, to compete in modeling routines, casual wear and formal wear. Personality and interviewing skills will also be judged.

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Pieper Roenicke

winner receiving an expense paid trip of five nights and six days in Orlando, Fla.

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(Mayfield, Ky.) – Woodmen Chapter 741 will sponsor a Kids Fitness & Wellness Fair for the public on Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mid-Continent University.

This event will be located in the

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EN Richard Continent **VV**( University, outside of the the lawn weather permits. of Chapter The fair brings together health 115. "Bringing the community

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## Lent

Lent is one of the oldest observations on the Christian calendar. Like all Christian holy days and holidays, it has changed over the years, but its purpose has always been the same: self-examination and penitence, demonstrated by self-denial, in preparation for Easter. Early church father Irenaus of Lyons (c.130-c.200) wrote of such a season in the earliest days of the church, but back then it lasted only two or three days, not the 40 observed today. In 325, the Council of Nicea discussed a 40-day Lenten season of fasting, but it's unclear whether its original intent was just for new Christians preparing for Baptism, but it soon encompassed the whole Church.



How exactly the churches counted those 40 days varied depending on location. In the East, one only fasted on weekdays. The western church's Lent was one week shorter, but included Saturdays. But in both places, the observance was both strict and serious. Only one meal was taken a day, near the evening. There was to be no meat, fish, or animal products eaten.

Until the 600s, Lent began on Quadragesima (Fortieth) Sunday, but Gregory the Great (c.540-604) moved it to a Wednesday, now called Ash Wednesday, to secure the exact number of 40 days in Lentnot counting Sundays, which were feast days. Gregory, who is regarded as the father of the medieval papacy, is also credited with the ceremony that gives the day its name. As Christians came to the church for forgiveness, Gregory marked their foreheads with ashes reminding them of the biblical symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes) and mortality: "You are dust, and to dust you will return" (Gen 3:19).

By the 800s, some Lenten practices were already becoming more relaxed. First, Christians were allowed to eat after 3 p.m. By the 1400s, it was noon. Eventually, various foods (like fish) were allowed, and in 1966 the Roman Catholic church only restricted fast days to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It should be noted, however, that practices in Eastern Orthodox churches are still quite strict.

Though Lent is still devoutly observed in some mainline Protestant denominations (most notably for Anglicans and Episcopalians), others hardly mention it at all. However, there seems to be potential for evangelicals to embrace the season again. Many evangelical leaders, including Bill Bright of Campus Crusade and Jerry Falwell are promoting fasting as a way to prepare for revival. For many evangelicals who see the early church as a model for how the church should be today, a revival of Lent may be the next logical step.

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#### **Obituaries**

### James Bridgewater



Mr. James Bridgewater, 81, a resident of South Fulton, Tenn., died March 2, 2014 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in

Union City, Tenn.

He was the son of the late Benjamin and Clarice Price Bridgewater. He was a US Air Force veteran where he served in the Korean Conflict, retired from the former Goodyear Tire &

Rubber Company in Union City, and had lived most of his life in this area.

Survivors include his wife, Frances (Brewer) Bridgewater of South Fulton, whom he married January 5, 1959; three sons, Barry Bridgewater and

Ben Bridgewater, both of South Fulton, and Bryan Bridgewater of Union City; one daughter, Terri Weatherly of Fulton, Ky.; three sisters, Lucille Ward of Prescott Valley, Ariz., Mary Ellen Robinson of Kevil,

Ky., and Anna Lee Martin of Tucson, Ariz.; one brother, Harlan Bridgewater of Michigan Center, and Mich.: grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two sons, Greg

Bridgewater and Jeff Bridgewater, one Angelia daughter,

Denise Bridgewater, and one granddaughter, Karla Weatherly, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held March 9 at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel. Burial followed in New Hope Cemetery.

#### Paula J. McClure

Mrs. Paula J. McClure, 78, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died March 8, 2014 at her home.

Born December 24, 1935 in Hickman, she was the daughter of the late Paul Rhodes and Juanita (Pickett) Rhodes. She was a homemaker and a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

include husband, Morrison McClure of Hickman; one son, Tim (Gail) McClure of Hickman; one daughter, Angela (Jimmy) Branam of Hickman; one sister, Anna Ligons of Hickman; four grandchildren, Katie Branam, Krystal Baggett, Courtney McClure and Alicia Bryant; and five great-grandchildren, Collin Baggett, Natalee Baggett, Brylea

Baggett, Chandler McClure and Nora Bryant.

Funeral services were held March 11, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hickman with Father Joosa Marydasan and Rev. Charles Southerland officiating. Burial followed in the Hickman City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chad Parker, Tony Jones, Jeff McMullin, Mike McClure, Gary McClure, Kenny Mathis and Darrin Jones. Honorary pallbearers were Allen Parker, Jerry McMullin, Jamie Bowlin, Glen Jones, Donnie Evans, Dana Wilson, Teresa Carr and Sandy Busby.

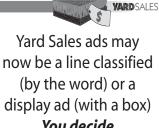
Strong Funeral Home of Hickman was in charge of arrangements.

## Susan K. "Sue" (King) Evans



Susan K. "Sue" (King) Evans, 53, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died March 6, 2014, at her home.

Born June 10, 1960 in Kittery, Main, she was the daughter of Dorothy Mae (McTurner) King Hale of Shawtown, Tenn., and the late Bruce King, Jr. She married Donnie C. Evans, Sr. on



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June 27, 1999. She was a retired fork truck driver for the former Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., and was a U.S. Navy veteran. She was a member of Union Baptist Church near Hickman.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include one stepson, Donnie Evans, Jr. of Fulton; one brother and sister-in-law, Paul Wayne and Janice King of Hornbeak, Tenn.; two sisters, Brenda King of Gadsden, Ala., and Linda King of Hornbeak; two nieces, Tasha King of Dyersburg, Tenn., and Amber Hopkins of Ripley, Tenn.; and five great-nephews.

Services were held March 9, at White & Mahon Funeral Home in Troy, with Rev. Terry Pulley officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Donnie Evans, Sr., Donnie Evans, Jr., Perry Barfield, Dennis Evans, O'Steen, Branham, and Eddie Fickle.

## Note Of Thanks

The family of Charles Elam would like to thank our friends and church family for all of your prayers, calls, visits and words of comfort during this sad time in our lives. A special thanks to Gary Haynes for the beautiful service, Larry Gardner for the music, Robbie Martin for the wonderful presentation of Charles's "Celebration of Life" picture memories, Carla Jackson's reading of the story of Charles and Tammie's life together and Cayce United Methodist ladies for the wonderful

God bless you all,

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The scripture teaches us that to be a friend, you must first show Tyourselves friendly, so it is, we the daughters and family of the late T Mrs. Lizzie Warren Hendrix who are expressing to our friends and family a most sincere thank you for all of the acts of love and kindness shown to us during the illness and Homegoing of our Mother, and Grandmother. Words cannot express our thoughts for friends making this transition a little easier.

Special thanks to the Hillview Community Living Center, our church families, and Rawls Funeral Home. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

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### Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Monday, Feb. 24 through Friday, March 7:

Tuesday, Feb. 11:
• Stacy L. Williams of Fulton,

Ky., white female, arrested, fraud use credit card lost/stolen \$10,000 or more: misuse of elect info - fund transfer; unlawful access to computer 1st degree: misuse of computer info; theft by unlawful taking less than

Monday, Feb. 24:

• Kayla M. Barnes of Troy, Tenn., white female, citation, speeding 73/55 mph zone, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense. Tuesday, Feb. 25:

· David Dixon of Wickliffe, Ky., white male, arrested, drug paraphernalia possession, failure to war seat belts, fleeing or evading police; probation violation, possession of controlled substance 1st, methamphetamine, trafficking substance

methamphetamine.

• Erik Garza of Paragould, Ark., Hispanic male, arrested, receiving stolen property over \$10,000 – auto.

Wilson of Anthony Paragould, Ark., white male, arrested, receiving stolen property over \$10,000 – auto.

• John D. Edgin of Hickman, Ky., white male, arrested, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance 1<sup>st</sup> methamphetamine, trafficking controlled substance 1<sup>st</sup> methamphetamine.

Thursday, Feb. 27:
• Lisa S. Terry of Union City, Tenn., white female, arrested, burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition from building \$500 or more but under \$10,000.

• Beau D. Falgout of Hickman, white male, citation, speeding 76/55 mph zone.

• Demarcus Freeman of Hickman, Ky., black male, arrested, bench warrant failure to pay.

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\$1 million to \$2 million.

This means that the Port would need to acquire \$5 million to make the kind of improvements they need to propel them into the future. One way to achieve this goal is to apply for grants. "Most grants are 50/50 grants," said Curlin. "This would mean we would have to come up with matching funds for any grant awarded to us.'

One type of grant, the Tiger Grant, which is a grant that was awarded to Cates Landing in nearby Lake County, Tennessee, is not a matching grant and if Hickman's Riverport were to receive funding from a Tiger Grant they could update the Port without having to come up with matching funds.

"If we did offer up some type of matching funds it could help our chances in the grant process," Curlin said. "Recently a new round of Tiger Grants, which are federally funded through the Department of Transportation, have just been released. They will be awarding \$600,000 million in grants for the entire U.S." That sounds like a lot of money, but it doesn't go very far. Kentucky has only received two of these grants in the last four years, one for a railroad upgrade project and one for a rail bridge project.

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funds. Realizing that they can't put all their eggs in one basket, Curlin is also heavily involved with the Water Transportation Advisory Committee. "We might be able to fund a newer crane that has been refurbished to possibly reach the same result, but we are still looking at \$1 million is expenses," he added. "Those would be matching grant funds."

The Kentucky Association of Riverports is seeking the assistance of legislatures Steven Rudy and Stan Humphries trying to get funding in place for this year's budget. "If that funding is put back into the budget, we can apply for a matching grant," Curlin said.

Curlin utilizes other Ports before making any major decisions on the future of this Port. In the past he has visited Paducah's Riverport and notes that they recently added a new heavy duty crane to handle the containers. Paducah's Port is located on the confluence of the Tennessee River and Ohio River.

The Port here in Hickman operates on the Mississippi River and is always looking to the future to attract new businesses, either by offering additional services, like acquiring the former Eagle building. This building is designed for distribution and could be utilized to load and unload those containers.

"We will have to work hard to try to find funding to expand our crane operations," stated Curlin. "The ability to be able to handle containers is an area that the Port really needs to explore for the future, especially with the development of the Panama

The January 2014 Operating Report was approved, showing 42 total barges handled by Port employees in 31 days. Numbers decreased in February showing 15 barges in 28 days, with Curlin informing the board that ice on the barges forced him to side with caution, choosing not to load and unload barges because of safety reasons.

Before adjourning Chairman Lynn Major, Secretary Lucas Goodman, and board members David Lattus, George A. Jones, and John Wayne Davie discussed business, property and personnel.

The board is slated to meet again in open session on Monday, March 31 at 2 p.m. on Catlett Street in Hickman.

### Thomks The family of Clarence Anderson would like to thank everyone for all the acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. We would like to say a special thanks to Ronald & Linda Strong and their staff and Bro. Henry Callison for the beautiful message. We appreciate it greatly. **Bob and Deena Anderson** & family

### Hickman Police Department News

Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Sunday, March 2 – Saturday, March 8:

Sunday, March 2:

• Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass. – Danny Allen arrested for possession of controlled substance, possession of a legend drug, resisting arrest, and warrant

• Responded to a call on Cedar St.

Responded to a motor vehicle accident on 7th St.

Monday, March 3: • Responded to a call at the

police department.

• Responded to a motorist assist on Moscow Ave.

• Responded to a motorist assist on 6th St. • Responded to a motorist

assist on 7th St. Responded to a call on Marr

· Responded to a motorist assist on Moscow Ave. • Responded to a motorist

assist on Cantillion Dr. Tuesday, March 4:

 Assisted Tri-City EMS on Van Lee Blvd.

• Responded to a motorist assist on Union City Hwy. · Responded to a motorist

assist on 7th St. Responded to a call on Ivey

Responded to a motorist

Wednesday, March 5:

assist on Moscow Ave. Responded to a call on Van

Lee Blvd. · Responded to a motorist assist on Claybow Dr.

Thursday, March 6: · Responded to a motorist

assist on Moscow Ave. • Responded to a noise

complaint on Cedar St. • Responded to a call at Dollar

General. Responded to a call on Moscow Ave.

• Hickman PD & Vol. Fire Dept assisted Tri-City EMS on

• Traffic stop on Moscow

• Traffic stop on State Route

• Traffic stop on Allison St. Friday, March 7:

• Hickman PD & Vol. Fire Dept responded to a motor vehicle accident on

Bypass. • Responded to a call at Little General.

Saturday, March 8:

· Responded to a call on Harrison St. • Responded to a call at the

police department. · Responded to a call on

Nelson St. Responded to a noise complaint on 7th St.

• Responded to a call on Nelson St.

· Responded to a noise complaint at Indian Hills.

• Traffic stop on 7th St.

## Constable

he said. "If you say it, follow up with it.'

One of Mayo's strengths that he noted as a plus is the fact that he knows a lot of the people who reside in his district and they know him. "On the other hand, being familiar with the people in my district can be a weakness. as well," added Mayo. "You have to make sure you don't let emotions get involved when enforcing the law."

A drawback to holding the position of Constable is obtaining

the supplies, everything from badge, uniforms, vehicle, etc. "You know if you are running for the position the person is not doing it for monetary gain," Mayo noted. "They are running to assist the county.

Mayo credits Loftin and Uzzle, Jr. for stepping up and running to have an opportunity to try and make a difference as Constable in District Four.

Loftin and Uzzle, Jr. did not return their questionnaires to The Courier office.

## **Dave**

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because you probably were pressured by a pushy salesman. Seventy-five percent of what you paid for that plan went straight into the dealership's or salesman's pocket as commission. There's even a chance they made more off the extended warranty than the sale of the truck!

warranties are Extended only about 12 percent actual, statistical risk. The other 12 to 13 percent goes to miscellaneous overhead and profit. On top of that, the company that wrote the warranty probably didn't make as much on it as the dealership did. It's weird, but that's how a lot of those models work.

I don't buy extended warranties, Tara. In my mind, they're just crap. Besides, if you buy something and can't afford to fix it if something goes wrong, then you couldn't really afford the purchase in the first

\* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He's authored four New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover and EntreLeadership. His newest book, written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, is titled Smart Money Smart Kids. It will be released April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 6 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and

on the web at daveramsey.com.

## Humphries

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have to be conducted, and the recipient will have to receive training within 45 days in order for the provision to convert to a full CCDW license.

In an effort to make the CCDW application process straightforward for more veterans, Senate Bill 125 further clarifies allowing honorably discharged service members to forgo the training requirement for a CCDW license. The measure would allow them to sign an affidavit confirming completion of military handgun training. These men and women have served and defended our Commonwealth and nation and have proven they can safely and responsibly handle weapons

outside the military. Outside of the Senate chamber, the members and

staff of the Majority Caucus have been busy reviewing the budget situation in preparation for receipt of the House's budget bill. Even though we do not have an actual piece of legislation to work with at this time, we still anticipate certain requests and appropriations, will be ready to review it thoroughly, and make any and all necessary adjustments in a timely manner when the bill comes out of the House. Please continue to contact me

with your issues and concerns. You may call my office in Frankfort at 800-372-7181 or e-mail me at Stan.Humphries@ lrc.ky.gov. You can also follow the work of our caucus on twitter at @kysenategop. I appreciate your time and input.



ALL-DISTRICT HONOREES - Recently named to the All-District Team in the First District were six players from the Fulton County girls and boys high school basketball teams. Those players include (front row, I to r) Delraysha Alexander, Lucy Kimble, and Leslie Beth Jackson; and (back row, I to r) Steven Roberson, Joe Holman, and Davis Major.

## ACT exam has been rescheduled for April 15

Kentucky high school juniors who missed taking the stateadministered ACT exam on Tuesday because school was closed due to inclement weather will now take the test on March 18, with a makeup day scheduled for April 15, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) announced today.

Originally, students were scheduled to take the ACT on Tuesday, March 4 with a makeup date of March 18. While a few districts were in session and able to maintain that schedule, the majority of schools in the state were closed on Tuesday and missed giving the collegereadiness test.

KDE began negotiating with ACT, Inc. on new test dates several weeks ago in response to the high number of snow days school districts have been forced to take this winter. The testing company restricts the testing dates as a means of controlling test security.

recognize sympathize with the difficulties this winter has presented to our school districts," Kentucky Commissioner of Education Terry Holliday said. "That is why we have been working hard to find a solution that

FRANKFORT, Ky. – As the

out in search of fishable water.

One trout angler at a Fish-

ing in Neighborhoods (FINs)

lake in Boone County kindly

reminded his shoreline acquain-

tances about the significance of

the date before they cast a line

March 1 ushered in the new

A fishing license unlocks a

myriad angling opportunities

across the state and buying one

that gives you – all these bodies

of water, all these different spe-

cies that we provide for people

- it's a tremendous value," said Ron Brooks, director of the

Kentucky Department of Fish

and Wildlife Resources' fisher-

"We have limits on what an-

glers can take sometimes. Even

with those limits they can feed

their family a lot throughout the

year just by going out on some

public water and catching fish,

not to mention all the recre-

Individuals and families on a

budget will appreciate the value

of what amounts to a season-

long pass to the great outdoors.

\$20 for Kentucky residents.

An annual fishing license runs

"You can't take your family

out to eat for \$20 and you can

barely go out and eat yourself

New this year is a three-year

fishing license for residents. It

is \$55 and available online only

at fw.ky.gov. Other options in-

clude the resident \$30 combina-

tion hunting and fishing license,

a savings of \$10 if purchased

separately. The joint husband

and wife fishing license costs

fish without a license.

Children 15 and younger can

The sportsman's license is

available to residents only and

at \$95 represents an exceptional

value. It bundles a combina-

tion hunting and fishing license,

statewide deer permit, spring

and fall turkey permits, a migra-

tory bird and waterfowl permit

along with a trout permit. Buy-

ing each separately would cost

just \$36.

for that amount," Brooks said.

"When you think about what

into the icy water.

ies division.

ational aspects."

license year in Kentucky.

now maximizes its value.

would accommodate them and ensure that every student who should be tested will be tested. The ACT exam is an important assessment that allows students, parents and schools to determine how well prepared students are for college-level work, and identify what additional courses

or assistance students may need

prior to graduation."

mandated Legislation that starting in 2008, all of Kentucky's public high school juniors take the ACT, which assesses English, reading, mathematics and science. The cost of the exam is paid for with state funds.

The schedule for the other exams given as part of the Unbridled Learning Assessment and Accountability System will be adjusted based on adjustments to school calendars. According to Senate Bill 1 (2009), each district sets its own testing window based on the requirement that tests must be given during the last 14 days of the district's instructional calendar.

Public school students in grades 3-8 take Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) tests in reading, mathematics,

March brings a new license year

and a fishing frenzy to Kentucky

latest winter storm took aim at glers intending to keep trout

Kentucky this past weekend, a must have a trout permit. All li-

brief break in the weather ahead censed anglers fishing the Cum-

of its arrival sent many anglers berland River from Wolf Creek

Unless license exempt, an-

Dam to the Tennessee state line,

its tributaries up to the first riffle

and all of Hatchery Creek must

For those who may only get

out to fish once or twice a year,

a one-day license at \$7 is a good

option. Residents and non-resi-

dents can fish any Kentucky

waters without a license during

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife

has documented a slight rise

in angler participation over the

"That's probably due to a

combination of the outstanding

resources we have, our height-

ened efforts to promote the op-

portunities we have in Kentucky

and an increase among adults

and people in general in locally

grown and organic foods," said

Brian Clark, assistant director

of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife

receives no tax dollars from

Kentucky's general fund. In-

stead it relies on the sale of

hunting and fishing licenses,

boat registration fees and fed-

are extremely important to us,"

Brooks said. "It really is what

makes this whole department

Licenses are sold through a

variety of outlets. Vendor loca-

tions are available on the de-

partment's website at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also can be

purchased online or by calling (877) 598-2401. The Kentucky

Fishing and Boating Guide pro-

vides complete licensing infor-

mation and is available online

and wherever licenses are sold.

"Fishing and hunting licenses

eral programs for funding.

public affairs division.

Kentucky's free fishing days

possess a trout permit.

June 7-8.

past two years.

science, social studies, writing and language mechanics. High school students take

K-PREP tests in writing and language mechanics plus end-of-course assessments in English II, Algebra II, Biology and U.S. History. In order to avoid any capacity issues with online testing for end-of-course exams, KDE is advising school districts to schedule their online end-of-course testing times with

This year's unusually bad winter has wreaked havoc with school calendars across the state with some districts missing more than 25 days of class so far.

"We will continue to work closely with school districts and offer our assistance as they amend their school calendars to meet the school calendar requirements as set forth by the General Assembly," Holliday said.

Districts must meet the requirement of a minimum of 1,062 instructional hours over no fewer than 170 instructional days; under current law districts may apply to the commissioner of education for relief of up to 10 days once they have missed 20 days of school.

It can be debated that March

belongs in the discussion of the

For many anglers, it is unpar-

Deciding where to go and

which species to target can be

difficult with so many options

available. The 2014 Fishing

Forecast, produced annually by

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and

posted on the department's web-

site, contains a wealth of infor-

mation about Kentucky's major

Whether you're after crap-

pie at Kentucky Lake and Lake

Barkley or white bass at Nolin

River Lake, largemouth bass at

Cedar Creek Lake, muskellunge

at Cave Run, Green River or

Buckhorn lakes, hybrid striped

bass at Fishtrap Lake or the

39 FINs lakes across the state

brimming with recently-stocked

rainbow trout, spring is an ex-

fisheries.

best sports month of the year.

## By Bob Watkins College Basketball Strength.

March, I love it, don't you? Bone chill mornings, big winds, mud and potholes, daffodils and chapped lips.

But indoors: Dance time with verbs, going somewhere.

Goin' to Diddle ... Goin' to Rupp...Goin'to Catlanta... Goin' to the Dance. ... Bracketology's "we're in!" -belongs to Eastern Kentucky U. first (never mind Harvard).

All the way to basketball's least fanatical, this week and three to follow, tis a delicious time of year. And, Maysville to Mayfield, Whitesburg to Whitesville, in

ouor state *everybody's* an expert. High school tournaments are community revivals with a familiar trailer: "Last one out of town, turn off the lights."

College level? Conference tournaments ... upsets ... buzzer beating shocker ... net cutting celebrations ... team photos to be priceless 20 pounds and 20 years from now. Also, 'if onlys' ... tears ... broken hearts ... and more Bracketology. Automatic bids, at large bids, no bid.

This week the Commonwealth has three men's teams going to the Big Dance and Western Kentucky could make it six. Women's teams at Louisville and Kentucky are Final Four contenders.

Some teams will get no invite creating that facial shocked expression, "#@\$! we wuz robbed!"

CBS Sports loves March too. The network wraps more commercial breaks around Road to Final Four (in Dallas) than Anderson Cooper can break before introducing his next guest

In March, Joe Lunardi has his own television network. ESPN's talking heads try to create more suspense than National Geo with as many outrageous talking points as time allows. We can click a remote 24/7 and find a Seth, a Jay, Digger or (egad!) Vitale, doing a studio shift 'breakin' down the bracket."

Irony is, here in Kentucky, kids aged six to 76 ... everybody's an expert. Ask 'em.

Having set this table, permit me this grasp of the obvious: The 2014 tournaments – at Diddle Arena and Rupp Arena, on to the Road to Dallas – this month has enough Cinderella storyline possibles, shock drama stunners to make it best March Madness in history of the game.

By tweet, twitter, land line or Facebook, just ask anybody in Kentucky.

For one windy and muddy month again, we're all expert

analysts. Enjov. EASTEŘŇ KENTUCKY

Momentum and "we're in!" Harvard aside, Eastern Kentucky was first Cinderella to earn an invite to the Big Dance.

Tribute to a team that didn't only win the OVC Tournament last weekend, the Colonels (24-9) ride a seven-game win streak to The Dance where they project as a 14 or 15 seed.

I would make a case, Eastern is NCAATournament-boundthanks to Virginia Commonwealth.

On December Neubauer's Colonels traveled to VCU both were 6-2. EKU played a superb 37 minutes, fending off Shaka Smart's team admirably. Last three minutes EKU missed shots, made turnovers, played itself into an overtime (made one of five shots), and lost 71-68.

Last week, a game pattern remarkably similar to December 5. Belmont made a furious run in the last three minutes

1. Where the Colonels crumbled at VCU, they kept poise, took Belmont's best shot, made shots and free throws and prevailed 79-73. And this ..

2. VCU's bench outscored Eastern 29-9; Against Belmont the Colonels bench outscored the Bruins 16-8.

**Bottom line:** Playing first rate foes on the road in December pays dividends in March.

KENTUCKY 'POWER

**RATING'** 

An internet site headline: Power Ranking the 50 States by

### cellent time to put a new fishing license to use. **Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club** Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club

winners for Monday, March 10 were as follows: Flight A - Jane Baker and Bill Petrie, first place; Betty Amberg and Freddye Oliver, second place; Margie Evans and Richard Thompson, third place; and Dianna Nerren and Jo Grissom, fourth place. Flight B — Margie Evans and Richard Thompson, first place; and Dianna Nerren and Jo Grissom, second place.







**GREAT SERVICE** Alignment
 Brakes
 Oil Change You can browse the criteria at

Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier

Bleacher Report.

Ranked 51st is Alaska. No. 15 is District of Columbia, Indiana is eighth, North Carolina and Kansas are third and second respectively. Number Kentucky.

A sampling of why:

'Kentucky and Louisville have combined for 92 tournament appearances, with overall record of 183-87, 25 Final Fours and 11 national championships. That's just...insane.

"The Wildcats and Cardinals are among the seven best teams in the nation. And unlike North Carolina, the other schools in the Bluegrass State aren't a complete liability.

Western Kentucky has been to 23 tournaments and a 1971 Final Four. Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State and Murray State have 29 total tournament appearances.

In the past three years, both Kentucky and Louisville have been to two Final Fours and have won a national championship. Each is a strong candidate to make the Final Four this year as

#### WOODEN AWARD **FINALISTS**

The John R. Wooden college player of the year candidates are 15. Somehow the part of college hoops most dear to the Wizard of Westwood has disappeared, academic achievement and team

I would wager if Wooden were voting he would eliminate all underclassmen.

Left for consideration would be Doug McDermott, Creighton; Russ Smith, Louisville; Sean Kilpatrick, Cincinnati; C.J. Fair, Syracuse; and Casey Prather, Florida.

FEIX, COUCH & HOF

Nominees for College Football Hall of Fame Class of 204 for induction next year are four with

Kentucky ties.

Jimmy Feix (Western Kentucky) ... Tim Couch and Art Still (Kentucky) ... and Markus Thomas (Eastern Kentucky).

The Class for 2014 will be announced in May with inductions at the 57th NFF Awards Dinner Dec. 9 in New York City.

Jim Feix-Western Kentucky (1968-83)-Named College Coach of the Year for Division IV in 1973 and 1975... Won or shared six conference titles...Three-time conference Coach of the Year (1973, 1978, 1980)...The winningest coach in school history. Charter member of WKU Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Tim Couch, Kentucky,** Quarterback. 1998 consensus Team All-American; finished fourth in Heisman voting; 1998 SEC Player of the Year who led Wildcats to first win over Alabama in 75 years. Set seven NCAA, 14 SEC, and 26 school records.

Art Still, Kentucky defensive end. 1977 unanimous First Team All-American...Two-time First Team All-SEC, led Wildcats to 1976 SEC Championship; was 1977 SEC Defensive Player of the Year who set school record for 22 tackles for loss in 1977 (still stands).

Markus Thomas, Eastern Kentucky tailback. Finished career ranked third all-time in FCS history in rushing (5,145), 52 rushing touchdowns. Twotime Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year;; led Colonels to two conference

Enshrinement in the new College Football Hall of Fame at a date to be determined in 2015. PARTING SHOT

UK wrote: "Kentucky basketball this year? Look at it on the bright side. It could've been worse. The Harrison twins could've been triplets. And so it goes

### **Bluff Briefs**

**Fulton County High School Open House** The Fulton County High School Open House has been rescheduled

for Tuesday, March 18, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. **Fulton Countians serving overseas** 

The Fulton County Judge's office is compiling a list of Fulton Countians serving overseas. If you know of any one please call the judge's office at 270-236-2594 and let them know.

Fundraiser Rescheduled for Dan Cartwright A chili supper, silent auction and cakewalk fundraiser, to help with expenses for Dan Cartwright, has been rescheduled for Friday,

March 14, beginning at 6 p.m. The event will be held at First United Methodist Church's Life Enrichment Center, located on Wellington St., in Hickman, across from the courthouse.

**Retired Teachers to meet** The Fulton City-Fulton County Retired Teachers Association will meet Wednesday, March 19, at 11 a.m. at The Keg Restaurant

in Fulton. All members are urged to attend. **Prom Committee selling chickens** 

The 2014 Fulton County High School (FCHS) Prom Committee will be selling smoked chickens to raise funds for the 2014 Prom. Chickens will sell for \$5/half. Pickup will be at the high school parking lot on Saturday, March 29, from 11:00 until noon. Rick Major will be doing the cooking. Chickens can be purchased from any Prom Committee member or from Rick or Mindy Major.

**Lake Chapel Youth Day** Lake Chapel, located at 1318 \$ 7th St., Hickman, will have Youth Day on Saturday, March 15, at 4 p.m. Come help the youth praise God with songs and praise dances. Rev. Michael Benford is pastor.

Volunteer Fire Department Informational meeting The Hickman Volunteer Fire Department will hold an informational meeting on Thursday, March 13, at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the volunteer fire department is urged to

## Commodities to be distributed

The Ken-Tenn Foodbank will be distributing commodities to Fulton County Seniors living in poverty Friday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 11a.m. for residents of Fulton. Those Seniors living in Hickman will be distributed commodities from the First UMC in Hickman across from the county courthouse between 11:30 a.m. and Noon Friday, March 21. Distribution to Fulton County households living in poverty {TEFAP} will be made Friday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. from the Foodbank in Fulton. Poverty is defined as having income of less than \$1,244 per month or \$288

Annual Men' Day Celebration at Bells Chapel Bells Chapel C.M.E. Church, located at 207 N Highland Dr., Fulton, invite you to attend their Annual Men's Day Celebration to be held Sunday, March 16. The 11 a.m. speaker will be Elder Melvin Puckett of Brooks Chapel Ministries of Fulton. The speaker at 3 will be Dr. Jessie L.O. Webb, also of Brooks Chapel Ministries. The Theme will be "When I Became A Man".

**Recycling to be in Cayce** Recycling of paper products will be collected on Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the Cayce Fire Department in



# Fulton County Genealogical Society will meet March 20 in Fulton

Mrs. Pansy Baker will speak at the Fulton County Genealogy meeting on Thursday, March 20, at noon at The Keg Restaurant in Fulton. The topic of her speech will be "Funny trials and tribulations of establishing a county archives from scratch."

Mrs. Baker was reared in the Chestnut Glad community where her family settled five generations earlier. She has been Historical and Genealogical Society; 3) Editor of the Forget Me Not newsletter of Weakley County for 20 years; 4) a

individually and personally involved in Weakley County historical research for over 30 years. Some of her credits are: 1) complied and published the 4-volume Weakley Remembered series in the 1980s; 2) President of the Weakley County Historical and Genealogical Society; 3) Editor of the Forget Me Not newsletter of Weakley County for 20 years: 4) a

member of the Weakley County Public Records Committee and 5) Chairperson for the Weakley County Archives Operations Committee. She and her family (Naney/Felts) have also participated in an Alzheimer research study since 1999 at Columbia University.

Bring a friend and join us for an interesting program. Visitors are welcome.

# Livestock producers affected by severe weather urged to keep good records

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia, today repeated his appeal to livestock producers affected by natural disasters such as the drought in the West and the unexpected winter storm in the upper Midwest to keep thorough records. This includes livestock and feed losses, and any additional expenses that are a result of losses to purchased forage or feed stuff.

"The 2014 Farm Bill provides a strong farm safety net to help ranchers during these difficult times," said Garcia. "We'll provide producers with information on new program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. In the meantime, I urge producers to keep thorough records. We know these disasters have caused serious economic hardships for our livestock producers. We'll do all we can to assist in their

## LBL Wildlife Refuge re-opens

GOLDEN POND, KY – Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area will re-open Rushing Bay, Duncan Bay, Duncan Lake, Smith Bay, Fulton/Honker Bay, Honker Lake Refuge, Long Creek Waterfowl Refuge, and portions of Energy Lake on March 16. Hematite Lake will also be open March 16 for bank fishing only.

"These areas are closed November 1 through March 15, primarily as waterfowl and eagle refuges. We appreciate public cooperation in protecting these important areas for wildlife," said Steve Bloemer, LBL's Wildlife Program Manager. "The majority of wintering eagles and waterfowl will begin migrating back north by early to mid-March, permitting the refuges to be re-opened."

refuges to be re-opened."

Come Outside and Play at Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area, managed by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Land Between The Lakes provides outdoor recreation,

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ainting

Tony Wallace

recovery."

In addition to western drought and the early-winter snowstorms, there are a variety of disasters from floods to storms to unexpected freezes. Each event causes economic consequences for farmers and ranchers throughout the United States. FSA recommends that owners and producers record all pertinent information of natural disaster consequences, including:

• Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses

• Dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts:

• Costs of transporting livestock to safer grounds or to

move animals to new pastures;
• Feed purchases if supplies or

grazing pastures are destroyed;
• Crop records, including seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records;

Visit www.fsa.usda.gov or an FSA county office to learn more about FSA programs and loans. For information about USDA's Farm Bill implementation plan, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

**City** 

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my Ramsey reported responding to three fire calls last month. "Two were vehicle fires and one was a kitchen fire," he said. "We did receive an application from Clay Guess to join the department." The Commission unanimously agreed to bring him on after Chief Ramsey said Guess was eager to complete the training to participate.

During February Hickman Police Chief Tony Grogan reported 146 calls coming through dispatch in February. "Those calls included five arrests, nine citations and six accidents," he said. "We didn't have any accidents because of the winter weather but we did help push a lot of people out."

With warm weather just around the corner, the Commission will be looking to Chief Grogan to keep people in compliance with keeping their yards

mowed.

Another area of focus will be keeping the City Cemetery mowed and looking respectable. "April will be here before we know it," stated Commissioner Charles Choate. "Let's not wait too long to start taking care of the mowing at the cemetery."

Looking to save money wherever they can, the Commission agreed to a \$1,000 limit on monthly purchases with Amazon.com. "We can purchase pieces and parts for our mowers and chainsaws cheaper from them," stated City Manager McTurner. "We will save the town quite a bit of money and we will

purchase as many parts made in the US that we can." Hartigan added that he has already rebuilt two of the mowers and as long as they know ahead of time that they need a part, purchasing it from Amazon was the way to go. Purchases are made locally whenever the prices are comparable and during times of con-

venience.

Work has already begun on the painting of the water treatment plant. "We will only have one tank down at a time," added City Manager McTurner, but it will still take approximately four weeks to complete the project."

AT&T will be adding equipment to one of the city's water towers. "They said it should improve service in Hickman and will give everyone 4G capabilities," City Manager McTurner said.

said.
City Manager McTurner was asked to look into the best rate and situation for a city cemetery perpetual fund cd before lock-

ing in the rate.

Commissioner David Weatherly noted that the City has paid down the line of credit by \$16,000 recently. "It seems we are going in the right direction," he said

Commissioner Choate asked City Manager McTurner to look into the status of a grant for the purchase of a tornado siren. "Please check and see if that is still available," he said. "It would be great for us to have that."

The Commission also approved the hiring of John Amberg as a Public Works employee and adopted Resolutions 14-54, KIA Revolving Fund B Loan and Resolution 14-55, Wastewater Ground Water Protection Plan.

## **Seniors**

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Leyhue, 11:30, Bingo; Tuesday, March 18: 10:30, Chinese Exercise, Jim Legg; Wednesday March 19: 10:30 Arbor Place, Shannon Stunson, 11:30, Bingo; Thursday March 20: 10:30, Exercise, Vonceil Leyhue; Friday, March 21: 11:30, Bingo.

Bingo is played every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week! (25 cents a card) on these days immediately following lunch, at approximately 11:30.

The following items with be served at the Senior Center next week:

Monday, March 17
Baked ham, baked potato, black-eyed peas, cornbread, strawberry/bananas, and skim

Tuesday, March 18
Beef stroganoff, buttered noo-

Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, green beans, whole-wheat roll, pineapple chunk, and skim milk.

Wednesday, March 19

Pork roast, baked sweet potato, buttered spinach, wholewheat bread, fruit cup, and skim

milk.

Thursday, March 20

Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, baby carrots, whole-wheat roll, banana and

Friday, March 21

Fish sandwich on bun, macaroni and tomatoes, coleslaw, brownie and skim milk.



Photo by Charlotte Smit

**DAISY TROOP 68 HAS FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING** - Daisy Troop 68 met for their first official meeting on Tuesday, March 11. Members of the troop include (I to r) Claire Wright, Misty Watts (Co-Troop Leader), Hannah Murphy, Phoebe Patterson, Kelly Gordon, Emry Ellingburgh, Danyelle Huffman and Christina Boyle (Troop Leader). The Daisy troop will be selling t-shirts for their first fundraiser. Anyone interested can pick up order forms from Boyle at the Hickman Police Department Wednesday-Friday or contact Watts. Girl Scout's Birthday was celebrated on March 12.



**SATURDAY LEAGUE ACTION** - The Bulls and the Mustangs were in action on Saturday, March 1. They will be back in action this Saturday, March 15 in the gymnasium of Fulton County High School.



move with the ball. The Bulls and the Mustangs were in action back on Saturday, March 1. Action will continue this Saturday, March 15 in the gymnasium of Fulton County High Shcool.





Photos by Christina Corrigan

EYES ON THE BALL - (Above)
Greyson Grissom tried to predict what the ball handler is going to do next in Saturday League action on March 1. The Bulls and the Mustangs will be back in action on Saturday, March 15 in the gymnasium of Fulton County High School. DEFENSIVE STANCE - (At left) Broc Bridges has his hands in the air as he stands in his defense stance when the Bulls and the Roughnecks played basketball.

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tion. "From my analysis, the damage that we have seen is consistent with a significant weather event that caused a large load on the roof area. The damage that I observed was caused by the design of the roof, which will deflect in the center, with the ceiling suspended with wires from the roof structure.'

Scallion went on to say the change in the roof and inside ceiling was also caused by blocked drainage upon the roof

"The deep ice had appar-

ently stopped the melted water from escaping, which had put an additional amount of weight on the roof. By code, the roof could drop by about five inches, which has forced it to now sit on top of the existing walls and cause the cosmetic damage we are seeing. Now as the ice melts, the structure will rebound in elastic mode, but issues such as cracked sheet rock, loose ceiling wires and ceiling panels will have to be checked and addressed," stated Scallion.

While the issues will have to be corrected, McTurner said he was just glad the building was safe and that business could continue on.

"Compared to having to shut the building down and move, my prayers have been answered. We had already started devising a plan of what to do, should we have been told we could not go back in," McTurner commented. "I believe his (Scallion's) expert opinion was right on the money. He has been a part of putting up many metal type buildings and roofs and he is very knowledgeable about how they flex and the weight loads they can handle. I'm excited that we can stay in the building.'



DAMAGE DIAGNOSIS - Structural engineer Jeremy Scallion (right), of Jackson, Tennessee, explains a drop in the roof at the Hickman City Hall building that caused some damage last week. Listening to Scallion's evaluation was (I-r) Chad Elks of Searcy Contractors, Hickman Public Works Director Mike Hartigan and Hickman City Manager Johnny McTurner. The damage was caused by a heavy build-up of sleet, freezing rain and snow from the latest round of winter weather.



GOOD SAMARITAN - Last week there were many good samaritans helping neighbors in need and on Wednesday, March 5, Clifford Hickerson assisted the Courier crew by cleaning off their awning. The snow and ice were several inches deep on many roof tops, porches and awnings.

## Mayor will attend MRCTI meeting in Washington DC

Charlotte Smith **Editor** 

The second annual Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative (MRCTI) Capitol Meeting in Washington DC will take place this month. Hickman Mayor David Lattus will be among the many mayors whose cities lie along the great Mississippi River in attendance for this initiative meant to help create a sustainable future for the main stem of the largest navigable waterway system on earth.

Mayor Lattus is a member of this initiative, serving as a member of the executive committee. Last summer he traveled to Minnesota taking an active part in the initiative.

The initiative has been focusing on the drought of 2012, the floods of 2013 and the aging infrastructure and how these problems impact the River. They act as a unified voice when needed to bring national priority in addressing the critical issues

facing the Mississippi River. The March Capitol meeting will involve highranking officials within the Administration as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Members of the initiative will

and Senate leaders.

Lattus will have a chance to participated in a sit-down dinner with members of the Corps, including Brigadier General Duke DeLuca, who has been invited to participate, along with Mayor General John Peabody and Joe Ellen Darcy.

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celebration marking their first anniversary of the initiative and the Caucus working together for the waterway to close out the second day of the event.

inter-agency meeting involving USDA, NOAA, DOT, FEMA. and DOC to discuss issues facing the Mississippi River in regards to disaster preparedness, trade, and conservation.

also hold meetings with House

While in Washington Mayor

Other activities during the three-day meeting include a White House Meeting with AC Wharton, Mayor of Memphis, and Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA presiding, with the White House Rural Council, President's Export Council and the Task Force on Climate

areas of focus. The MRCTI will hold a

The Mayors will also hold an

## **City borrows** funds to paint water plant

Charlotte Smith **Editor** 

Members of the Hickman City Commission met in special session to review bids from West Kentucky Painting, LLC following City Manager Johnny McTurner's recommendation. "I recommend you accept the bid from West Kentucky Painting, LLC in the amount of \$48,700," stated McTurner on Wednesday "They submitted morning. the only bid to paint and color code the filter tanks and all the

When the project begins it will take approximately four weeks for West Kentucky Painting to complete the project, working in twelve hour shifts around the clock. Having barge painting experience, West Kentucky Painting will be using a special epoxy type paint, which has been state approved, and is suitable for conditions involving water.

"They will use a different type of epoxy paint on the outside of the tanks and the tanks will be sand blasted before they paint them," explained McTurner. "The lack of ventilation and the type of chemicals that are used at the plant corrode tanks at a faster rate." The tanks were installed approximately eight years ago.

The city will borrow \$55,000 at a 1.75% interest rate to pay for their project. "We hope to receive grant funds to assist with the funding of this needed project in the future," added McTurner.

City Hall was closed on Wednesday, March 5, reopening on Thursday, March 6 after a structural engineering ensure city officials that the building was safe to occupy. (See related

story top left of front page.)
The City Commission is slated to meet in regular session on Monday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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lake access, and environmental education for the public to enjoy. Visitors are encouraged to review the official website at www.lbl.org often for Calendar of Events, updates on programs and policies, safety information, maps, temporary trail and road closures, and more, or call 800-LBL-7077 or 270-924-2000. Follow LBL on Twitter @LBLScreechOwl or @LandBtwnLakes. To sign up for LBL's electronic newsletter, email lblinfo@fs.fed.us. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Fulton County High School (FCHS) Principal Tracey Lamb stated in an article entitled Pilot Academy Celebrates Successes, which ran on February 27, 2014, "FCHS has moved up 66 spots in ranking from 221st in the state to being 155th in a single year. FCHS had the single biggest increase in percentile ranking of all high schools in the state." Lamb is retracting that statement with the following corrected statement "FCHS is in the top 10 percentile of improvement among similar schools in the state moving up in ranking from the 221st in the state to being the 155th in the state. This means FCHS had a major increase in academic improvement."



**SPORTING BLUE** - The color blue isn't just for UK fans, it is also to bring awareness to National Coloretcal Cancer Awareness Month. Friday, March 7, Fulton County officials and employees (I to r) Tommy Hodges, Dennis Warner, Hugh Caldwell, Naomi Tuisl, Fonda Swain, Brandon Uzzle and David Gallagher wore blue to remind everyone the importance of being screened for colon cancer.

## Wearing blue to kick off National **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**

Fulton County Office Building officials and employees proudly wore their blue on Friday, March 7. March 7 was chosen to kick off National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month to help raise awareness about colon cancer in Kentucky.

The staff at The Hickman Courier also wore blue to show their solidarity for colon cancer survivors like Bobby Hopper. Hopper stopped by the Courier office on Friday to have his picture taken with the staff and share part of his story. "I got sick on a trip to pick up a prisoner and I couldn't get over it," he explained. "I was also losing blood and they couldn't figure out why or where it was going. That's when my doctor suggested that I have a colonoscopy.'

Hopper was 59 years old at the time, but hesitant because a previous experience with a colonoscopy procedure 10 years earlier was performed without anesthesia. "I did't want to do it," he said, "but I finally agreed."

Following his procedure he

discovered he had stage 4 colon cancer that had spread to his liver. "They had to remove part of my colon and a piece of my liver," he said. "That was followed by chemotherapy."

Now, 4 years later, following a recent scare when they discovered a spot in Hopper's pelvic area and on his lung, he is cancer free. "At first they thought it was cancer and I went through another round of chemotherapy," he said, "but it turned out to be scar tissue." Hopper strongly recommends

everyone to have a colonoscopy, especially when they reach age 50. "I have strongly recommended to several people to have the procedure," he said. "I had one young man who didn't want to have it done, but I finally convinced him to do it and he didn't have cancer, but he was on the verge."

According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 2,200 new cases of colon cancer will be diagnosed in Kentucky this year and nearly 900 people

will lose their lives to the disease. Individuals over the age 50 or who have a family history of colon cancer are at the greatest risk.

"Kentucky has one the highest mortality rates of colorectal cancer in the nation," said Mrs. Madeline Abramson, wife of Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson. "The good news is that through preventative screenings, this deadly disease can be detected early and treated successfully." She asked Kentuckians to join her in wearing blue on March 7 to help spread the word about the risks of colon cancer and the importance of getting screened.

For the fifth year, Mrs. Abramson served as the Honorary Chair for "Dress in Blue Day" in Kentucky and is working with the Kentucky Cancer Program (KCP) on colon cancer awareness efforts throughout the month of March.

To help raise awareness in Frankfort, the State Capitol dome was lit with the color blue until March 7.



Photo by Clifford Hickerson

RAISING AWARENESS WEARING BLUE - The staff at The Hickman Courier office wore blue on Friday, March 7 to help Bobby Hopper raise awareness on the importance of getting screened for colon cancer. Shown together on National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Day are (I to r) Jessia Chism, Barbara Atwill, Bobby Hopper, Charlotte Smith, and Christina Corrigan.



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